

1 **ORDINANCE NO.**

2 **AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ARTICLE 4 OF CITY CODE**
3 **CHAPTER 25-12 TO ADOPT THE 2017 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE AND**
4 **LOCAL AMENDMENTS; AND CREATING OFFENSES.**

5 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

6 **PART 1.** City Code Chapter 25-12 is amended to repeal Article 4 (*Electrical Code*) and
7 replace it with a new Article 4 to read as follows:

8 ***ARTICLE 4. ELECTRICAL CODE***

9 **§ 25-12-111 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE.**

10 (A) The National Electrical Code, 2017 Edition, published by the National Fire
11 Protection Association (“2017 Electrical Code”) and Appendix H are adopted and
12 incorporated by reference into this section with the deletions in Subsection (B) and
13 amendments in Section 25-12-113 (*Local Amendments to the 2017 Electrical Code*
14 *– Administration and Enforcement*) and Section 25-12-114 (*Local Amendments to*
15 *the 2017 Electrical Code – Technical*).

16 (B) The following sections of the 2017 Electrical Code are deleted:

Section 80.2	Section 80.15	Section 80.19(C)
Section 80.19(D)	Section 80.19(E)	Section 80.21
Section 80.23(B)	Section 80.27	Section 80.29
Section 80.31	Section 80.33	Section 80.35
Section 110.12	Section 200.6(A)	Section 200.6(B)
Section 225.32	Section 230.70(A)(1)	Section 230.70(A)(3)
Section 250.52(A)(3)	Section 250.119(A)	Section 300.3(C)(1)
Section 310.110	Article 320	Section 330.30(A)
Section 330.30(B)	Section 330.30(C)	Section 334.10(1)
Section 334.10(2)	Section 334.10(3)	Section 338.10(A)

Article 394	Section 410.36(B)	Section 680.23(A)(4)
Section 680.41		

1 (C) The city clerk shall retain a copy of the 2017 Electrical Code with the official
2 ordinances of the City of Austin.

3 **§ 25-12-112 CITATIONS TO THE BUILDING CODE.**

4 In the City Code, “Electrical Code” means the 2017 Electrical Code adopted and
5 amended by Section 25-12-111 (*National Electrical Code*), as amended by Section 25-
6 12-113 (*Local Amendments to the 2017 Electrical Code*) and Section 25-12-114 (*Local*
7 *Amendments to the 2017 Electrical Code – Technical*).

8 **§ 25-12-113 LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE ELECTRICAL CODE -**
9 **ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT.**

10 The following provisions are local amendments to the 2017 Electrical Code. Each
11 provision of this section is a substitute for any identically numbered provision of the 2017
12 Electrical Code deleted by Section 25-12-111(B) (*National Electrical Code*) or is an
13 addition to the 2017 Electrical Code:

14 **80.2 Definitions.** The following definitions apply to the Electrical Code.

15 **AGENT.** A person designated by an electrical contractor to obtain an electric permit on
16 behalf of the electrical contractor. An agent shall be the owner or an employee of the
17 electrical contractor.

18 **CHIEF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR.** An electrical inspector who meets the
19 requirements of Section 80.27 of the Electrical Code and is responsible for administering
20 and implementing the Electrical Code.

21 **CITATION.** A document described in Chapter 1-3 (*Citation Program*) issued by the
22 director or the building official.

23 **CONTRACTOR.** A person who is an electrical contractor.

24 **ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR.** A person engaged in electrical contracting consistent
25 with Chapter 1305 of the Texas Occupations Code.

26 **ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING.** The business of designating, installing, erecting,
27 repairing, maintaining, or altering electrical wires or conductors to be used for light, heat,
28 power, or signaling purposes. The term includes the installation or repair of ducts,

1 raceways, or conduits for the reception or protection of wires or conductors and the
2 installation or repair of any electrical machinery, apparatus, or system used for electrical
3 light, heat, power, or signaling.

4 **ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR.** An individual who meets the requirements of Section
5 80.27 of the Electrical Code and performs electrical inspections as required by the City.

6 **ELECTRICAL WORK.** Installing, altering, repairing, or erecting any electrical wiring
7 apparatus, raceways, or equipment used in connection therewith, whether inside or
8 outside of a building or structure, lot or premises, under the requirements of the Electrical
9 Code.

10 **HABITABLE SPACE.** A space in a building or structure used for living, sleeping,
11 eating, or cooking. A bathroom, toilet room, closet, hall, storage or utility space, or
12 similar space is not a habitable space.

13 **LICENSE.** An electrical license issued by the Texas Department of Licensing and
14 Regulation (TDLR).

15 **OFFER TO PERFORM.** A written or verbal communication, proposal, or
16 advertisement that indicates or implies a person is available to contract for or perform
17 electrical work

18 **REPLACEMENT.** The act or process to replace something of like design.

19 **RESIDENTIAL BUILDING OR STRUCTURE.** Single-family, two-family, and multi-
20 family dwelling units of five stories or less in height and located in a residential zone.

21 **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATION.** A state agency
22 responsible for administering and enforcing Title 8, Chapter 1305 of the Texas
23 Occupations Code and 16 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 73.

24 **WORKMANLIKE MANNER.** The standard established in Section 110.12 (*Mechanical*
25 *Execution of Work*).

26 **80.15. Electric Board.** The Electric Board shall comply with Chapter 2-1 (*Boards and*
27 *Commissions*).

28 **80.19(C) Issuance of Permits.**

29 1. Standard Permits.

- 30 a. Except as provided in Section 80.19(C)(5) (*Homestead Permit*), the building
31 official may issue an electrical permit only to an electrical contractor who
32 has a current electrical contractors license pursuant to Chapter 1305 of the
33 Texas Occupations Code and the 16 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 73.

- 1 b. The building official is responsible for reviewing applications, plan
2 specifications, and other data submitted by an application for a permit. Other
3 departments may review the plans as necessary to verify compliance with
4 applicable laws.
- 5 c. The building official shall issue a permit to an applicant if the building
6 official finds that the work described in the application for a permit and in
7 the plans, specifications, and other support data submitted with the
8 application conform to the requirements of the Electrical Code and other
9 applicable laws and ordinances and that the required fees have been paid.
- 10 d. A permit issued by the building official will include a written endorsement
11 of the plans and specifications in writing or a “REVIEWED” stamp on the
12 plans and specifications. After the permit is issued, a person may not change,
13 modify, or alter plans and specifications without the approval of the building
14 official. Work regulated by the Electrical Code shall be done consistent with
15 reviewed plans and specifications.
- 16 e. A building, structure, or tenant finish out that will exceed 5,000 square feet
17 require a drawing sealed by a Professional Electrical Engineer licensed by
18 the State of Texas A building, structure, or tenant finish 5,000 square feet or
19 less require a drawing with the signature and license number of the
20 qualifying master electrician of record for a State of Texas licensed electrical
21 contractor or sealed by a Professional Electrical Engineer licensed by the
22 State of Texas.
- 23 f. If adequate information and detailed statements are filed that comply with
24 the requirements of the Electrical Code, the building official may issue a
25 permit for the construction of part of an electrical system before the plans
26 and specifications for the entire system have been submitted or approved.
27 The electrical permit holder may proceed at the permit holder’s own risk,
28 without assurance that the permit for the entire building, structure, or
29 building service will be approved.
- 30 2. Permit required. Except as specified in Section 80.19(C)(3), a person who intends
31 to install, alter, repair, replace, or remodel an electrical system shall apply and
32 obtain a permit before the activity commences.
- 33 3. Exempt work. Work that may be performed without an electrical permit shall
34 comply with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements. An electrical
35 permit is not required:
- 36 a. to replace an approved cable or cord and plug connected motor or portable
37 appliance;

- 1 b. to replace components of approved equipment or to a fixed approved
2 appliance of same type and rating, in the same location;
- 3 c. to install temporary holiday decorative lighting;
- 4 d. when the maximum voltage is 480 and the maximum ampacity is 30, to
5 replace a snap, single, three-way, or four-way or dimmer switch, receptacle,
6 ceiling paddle fan, or luminaire;
- 7 e. to reinstall a receptacle with a ground-fault circuit interrupter receptacle, a
8 tamper-resistance receptacle, an arc-fault circuit interrupter receptacle, or
9 weather-resistance receptacle;
- 10 f. when the service will not be de-energized, to replace an overcurrent
11 protection device or fuse of same voltage and amperage and in the same
12 location;
- 13 g. to repair or replace an electrode or transformer of the same size and capacity
14 for a sign or gas tube system;
- 15 h. to replace insulating material to a splice;
- 16 i. to remove electrical and communication wiring;
- 17 j. to install temporary wiring for experimental purposes in a suitable
18 experimental laboratory;
- 19 k. to install wiring for a temporary theater, motion picture, or television stage
20 set;
- 21 l. to install or repair an electrical device, appliance, apparatus, equipment, or
22 electrical wiring operating at less than 25 volts and not capable of supplying
23 more than 50 watts of energy;
- 24 m. m. to install or repair a low-energy power, control and signal circuit of Class
25 II or Class III as defined in the 2017 Electrical Code;
- 26 n. for the following activities, if performed in connection with the transmission
27 of electrical energy: to install, alter, or repair electrical wiring, apparatus,
28 equipment, or the generation, transmission, distribution, or metering of
29 electrical energy;
- 30 o. to operate signals or to transmit intelligence by a public or private utility in
31 the exercise of its function as a serving utility; or

- 1 p. except for activities related to electrical service, for electrical work in a
2 building or structure owned and occupied by the State of Texas or the
3 federal government.
- 4 4. Emergency repair permits. An applicant who seeks a permit to make emergency
5 electrical repairs on non-exempt work shall identify the emergency on the permit
6 application.
- 7 5. Homestead permit. A person who is not licensed to perform electrical work may
8 perform electrical work under a homestead permit if:
- 9 a. the residence is the person's homestead and principal residence;
- 10 b. the electrical work does not include the main electric system;
- 11 c. the person has not secured a homestead permit for another residence within
12 the prior 12 month period;
- 13 d. the person has owned and occupied the property as of January 1 of the tax
14 year in which the person applies for a homestead permit;
- 15 e. the person applies for a homestead permit in person and files an affidavit
16 stating that the location where the work will be done is the person's
17 homestead;
- 18 f. the person obtains a homestead permit and pays any required permit fees
19 before electrical, mechanical, or plumbing work begins;
- 20 g. the person does not allow or cause another person to perform electrical work
21 under the permit;
- 22 h. the person does not transfer the homestead permit to another person;
- 23 i. the person will present a picture identification to the building official to
24 verify that the person authorized to perform the work under the homestead
25 permit; and
- 26 j. the work that will be done is not for a mobile, modular, or manufactured
27 home unless the person owns the land on which the mobile, modular, or
28 manufactured home is located. A homestead permit cannot be issued if the
29 mobile, modular, or manufactured home that is located in a mobile home
30 park, mobile home community, or other commercial premises.

31 The building official may suspend or revoke a homestead permit if the work done
32 under the homestead permit is performed by anyone other than the person who
33 obtained the homestead permit.

1 **80.19(D) Annual permit.** Electrical work may be performed in a facility operating under
2 the registered industrial plan program under an annual permit issued pursuant to Section
3 105.1.1 (*Annual Permit*) of the Building Code.

4 **80.19(E) Permit fees.** The fee for the permit is set by separate ordinance.

5 **80.19(H) Time limitation on application; permit expiration and reactivation.** The
6 time limits for applications and the requirements for permit expiration and reactivation,
7 including a fee for expired permits, are established in Chapter 25-12, Article 13
8 (*Administration of Technical Codes*).

9 **Exception.** An annual permit is valid for 360 consecutive days from the date the
10 permit is issued and may not be extended.

11 **80.19(I) Special inspections program.** Electrical work may be performed under this
12 program in occupied residential and commercial buildings or structures within the zoning
13 jurisdiction of the City. The program requirements and scope are:

- 14 1. a contractor who participates in this program shall
- 15 a. for each permit, submit a completed compliance form to the building official
 - 16 no later than one business day after the permitted electrical work is
 - 17 complete; and
 - 18 b. obtain a permit as required by Section 80.19(C)(2) no later than one business
 - 19 day from the work start date.
- 20 2. the scope of work may not
- 21 a. include the disconnection, reconnection, or repair of an electrical service;
 - 22 b. involve the penetration of a fire rated wall or component;
 - 23 c. require an electrical rough inspection; or
 - 24 d. include more than one stand-alone electrical or other permit.

25 The building official may inspect the electrical work performed for one out of five
26 residential permits and one out of ten commercial permits. As a condition of the
27 program, the electrical contractor shall provide access to the permitted work.

28 **80.21 Plan review fees.** The fee for plan review is set by separate ordinance.

29 **80.27 Inspector's Qualifications.** All electrical inspectors shall be certified by a
30 nationally recognized certification program and approved job description acceptable to
31 the City's Electrical Board.

1 **80.36 LICENSES.**

2 **80.36(A) License required.** Except as allowed in Subsection 80.19(C)(5)
3 (*Homestead Permit*), a person shall hold a current electrical license issued by the
4 State of Texas to perform electrical work within the City.

5 **80.36(B) License display.** When performing electrical work, a licensee shall keep
6 in his or her license in possession and shall display the license upon request of the
7 building official or the owner of the premises or property where the licensee is
8 working, offering to work, or has worked. A licensee shall also present a picture
9 identification to verify identity.

10 **80.36(C) Contractor.** The master electrician of record shall appear in person to
11 establish the contracting business for the jurisdiction of the City.

12 **80.36(D) Temporary staffing companies.** An employee who is licensed,
13 registered, or certified by the State of Texas and is assigned to a client company by
14 a professional temporary staffing company is considered an employee of the client
15 company for the purpose of complying with the requirement to hold an electrical
16 contracting license.

17 **80.39 OFFENSES.**

18 (A) A person may not

- 19 (1) allow another to use an electrical permit in an unlawful or fraudulent
20 manner;
- 21 (2) perform, or cause to be performed, electrical work that causes injury to a
22 person or property;
- 23 (3) supervise, perform, or cause to be performed electrical work that does not
24 comply with the supervision requirements in the Electrical Code;
- 25 (4) perform electrical work without the required license or permit classification;
- 26 (5) display, cause to be displayed, allow to be displayed, or possess an
27 document that purports to be a license to perform electrical work that is
28 false, expired, suspended, or altered;
- 29 (6) fail or refuse to display a license or permit to perform electrical work when
30 requested by the building official;
- 31 (7) allow a license to perform electrical work by a person other than the person
32 to whom the license was issued;

- 1 (8) contract for, or cause to be performed, electrical work that requires a permit
2 by a person who lacks a license required by the Electrical Code;
- 3 (9) employ a person who is not licensed as a master electrician or contractor,
4 journeyman electrician, residential wireman, or apprentice electrician to
5 perform electrical work that requires an electrical license;
- 6 (10) request the building official to perform inspections of work that is
7 incomplete or work that has not been properly reviewed by the permit holder
8 or the designated supervisor three or more times during a 12 month period;
- 9 (11) employ a person to perform electrical work for which the person is not
10 qualified;
- 11 (12) supervise a person who is performing electrical work for which the person
12 performing the work is not qualified to perform;
- 13 (13) obtain a permit for a business or person other than the business or person
14 identified on the person's State of Texas electrical contractor's license;
- 15 (14) perform electrical work under a permit for a business other than the business
16 identified on the permit authorizing the electrical work;
- 17 (15) perform, or cause to be performed, electrical work in a manner that
18 endangers a person or property;
- 19 (16) fail to provide notification for a change of business address, qualifying
20 master, or contact information included on a State of Texas electrical
21 contractor's license on or before the 10th day after the change occurs;
- 22 (17) refuse to provide picture identification when requested by the building
23 official; or
- 24 (18) fail to comply with the requirements of the Electrical Code.

25 (B) A person who violates the requirements of this section commits an offense, which is a
26 Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 for each offense. Each
27 day a person commits an offense or remains in violation of this section is an offense.

28 (C) The building official may report offenses to the Texas Department of Licenses and
29 Regulation.

30 **80.40 Supervision.**

31 (A) At least one licensed journeyman electrician, licensed master electrician, or
32 licensed residential wireman shall be present on a site to supervise the electrical
33 work being performed.

- 1 (B) A contractor who is responsible for the electrical work being performed shall
2 provide fulltime supervision, management, direction, and control. A residential
3 wireman may only supervise residential projects.
- 4 (C) The ratio of licensed master electrician, licensed journeyman electrician, or
5 residential wireman to licensed apprentice electricians may not exceed one
6 licensed master electrician, licensed journeyman electrician, or residential wireman
7 to five licensed apprentice electricians.
- 8 (D) The designated supervisor shall review the electrical work before submitting a
9 request for the building official to inspect.

10 **80.41 Special requirements for the installations below regulatory flood datum.**

- 11 (A) For purposes of this section, regulatory flood datum (RFD) has the meaning
12 assigned in Section 1612 (*Flood loads*) of the Building Code.
- 13 (B) If a circuit can be de-energized by automatic operating electrical disconnection
14 equipment, then a lighting circuit, switch, receptacle, or luminaire that operates at
15 no more than 120 volts to ground may be installed below the RFD. The electrical
16 circuit shall be de-energized before water is present on the floor of the affected
17 areas. If any equipment is flooded, its particular circuit may not be re-energized
18 until the circuit and the equipment are
- 19 (1) approved by the wiring and equipment manufacturer for reuse after being
20 submerged in water; or
- 21 (2) replaced and approved for use by the building official.
- 22 (C) Except for a switch, receptacle, and luminaire, all other electrical equipment
23 permanently installed below the RFD shall be rated by the equipment manufacturer
24 for submergence for at least 72 hours for a head of water above the equipment to
25 the RFD.
- 26 (D) An electrical wiring system installed below the RFD shall be suitable for
27 continuous submergence in water. Only a submersible splice is allowed below the
28 RFD. A conduit located below the RFD shall be installed so that it can be self-
29 draining if subject to flooding.
- 30 (E) The electrical power equipment and components of an elevator system shall be
31 located above the RFD. An automatic type elevator shall be provided with a home
32 station located above the RFD to which the elevator will automatically return after
33 use.

- 1 (F) An electrical unit heater installed below the RFD shall be capable of being
2 disconnected as outlined in Subsection (B). An electrical control on a gas or oil
3 furnace located below the RFD may not exceed 120 volts to ground and the control
4 circuits shall be automatically de-energized before water is present on the floor of
5 the affected area.
- 6 (G) Sump pumping equipment of any type shall be provided with a float operated
7 warning alarm that acts independently of any other float actuating device used to
8 start and stop pumping equipment. A building or structure that utilizes sump
9 pumping equipment shall have automatic starting standby electrical generating
10 equipment located above the RFD. The standby generating equipment shall be
11 capable of remaining in continuous operation at 125 percent of the anticipated
12 duration of the design flood.
- 13 (H) A control center, privately owned transformer, distribution and main lighting
14 panel, and switchgear, in addition to other stationary equipment, shall be located
15 above the RFD. Portable or moveable electrical equipment may be located below
16 the RFD if the equipment can be disconnected by a single plug or socket assembly
17 of the submersible type and rated for a minimum of 72 hours for the head of water
18 above the assembly to the RFD.
- 19 (I) All components of emergency lighting systems installed below the RFD shall be
20 located so that a component of the emergency lighting system is not within reach
21 of personnel working at floor level in the area where an emergency lighting system
22 is used unless the emergency lighting circuit(s) are provided with ground-fault
23 circuit interrupters having a maximum leakage current to ground sensitivity of 5
24 milliamperes.
- 25 (J) Before the building official can release electrical utilities or issue a certificate of
26 occupancy, the building official shall verify that all incoming main city power
27 service equipment, including all metering equipment, is located two feet above
28 RFD.

29 **§ 25-12-114 LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE ELECTRICAL CODE -**
30 **TECHNICAL.**

31 The following provisions are local amendments to the 2017 Electrical Code. Each
32 provision of this section is a substitute for any identically numbered provision of the 2017
33 Electrical Code deleted by Section 25-12-111(B) (*National Electrical Code*) or is an
34 addition to the 2017 Electrical Code:

1 **110.12 Mechanical Execution of Work.** Neat and workmanlike. All electrical work
2 shall be installed in a neat and workmanlike manner. In the Electrical Code, workmanlike
3 manner means, but is not limited to, the following:

- 4 1. work that is skillfully installed consistent with the Electrical Code's requirements;
- 5 2. equipment, raceways, and cables are installed parallel or perpendicular to the
6 building or structure's structural members;
- 7 3. when raceways or cables are grouped, the raceways and cables remain straight,
8 parallel, or perpendicular to the building or structure's structural members;
- 9 4. each cable is cut to a length that prevents sagging or looping, except when
10 flexibility requires moderate sagging; and
- 11 5. each box, cabinet, enclosure, and device is installed level, parallel, or
12 perpendicular to the building or structure's structural members.

13 **200.6 Means of Identifying Grounded Conductors.**

14 (A) Sizes smaller than 8 AWG. An insulated grounded conductor smaller than 8 AWG
15 shall be identified by one of the following means:

- 16 1. a continuous white outer finish;
- 17 2. a continuous gray outer finish;
- 18 3. three continuous white strips along the conductor's entire length on other
19 than green insulation;
- 20 4. a wire that has an outer covering finished to show white or gray color but
21 have colored tracer threads in the braid that identify the source of the
22 manufacturer complies;
- 23 5. the grounded conductor of a mineral-insulated, metal-sheathed cable shall be
24 identified at the time of installation by a distinctive marking at its
25 terminations;
- 26 6. a single-conductor, sunlight-resistant, outdoor-rated cable used as a
27 grounded conductor in photovoltaic power systems, as authorized in Section
28 690.31, shall be identified at the time of installation by distinctive white
29 marking at all terminations;
- 30 7. a fixture wire shall comply with the requirements for grounded conductor
31 identification required in Section 402.8; and

1 8. for an aerial cable, the identification shall comply with the means described
2 above or by means of a ridge located on the exterior of the cable so as to
3 identify it.

4 (B) Sizes 8 AWG and larger. An insulated grounded conductor of 8 AWG or larger
5 shall be identified by one of the following means:

- 6 1. a continuous white outer finish;
- 7 2. a continuous gray outer finish;
- 8 3. three continuous white or gray strips along the conductors entire length on
9 other than green insulation; or
- 10 4. at the time of installation, by a distinctive white or gray marking at its
11 termination, which shall encircle the conductor or insulation.

12 **225.32 Location.** Subsection 230.70(A)(1) of the Electrical Code provides disconnect
13 requirements for outside feeder and branch circuits.

14 **Exception.** For a tower or pole used as a lighting standard, the disconnecting
15 means may be located elsewhere on the premises.

16 **Exception.** For a pole or other similar structure used only for support of signs
17 installed consistent with Article 600, the disconnecting means may be located
18 elsewhere on the premises.

19 **230.54(H) Identification of conductors at weather head.** All service entrance
20 conductors shall be identified within 12 inches of a rain-tight service head.

21 **230.70(A)(1) Readily accessible location.** The service disconnecting means shall be
22 installed at a readily accessible location outside of the building or structure.

23 **Exception:** Commercial Buildings and Structures. When the customer is the only
24 customer served by the utility transformer, the service disconnecting means shall
25 be located on the first floor of the building or structure nearest the point of entrance
26 of the service conductors. The disconnecting means shall be accessible from an
27 exterior entrance and may not exceed 25 feet inside the building or structure.

28 **250.68(A)(1) Concrete encased electrode accessibility.** Concrete encased electrode
29 accessibility for the electric utility district (EUD) locations (having no wall rough-in
30 inspection) shall require a grounding inspection port for termination of the grounding
31 electrode conductor. The inspection port enclosure shall be accessible from the exterior
32 wall of the building or structure and a minimum size of 4 inches by 4 inches by 2 ½
33 inches and identified as “ground port” on the cover plate or door of the port.

1 **250.119 Identification of equipment grounding conductors.**

2 (A) Conductors sizes 8 AWG and larger. A conductor size 8 AWG or larger may be
3 marked at each accessible point. An equipment grounding conductor size 8 AWG
4 or larger shall comply with Section 250.119(A)(1) and (A)(2).

5 (1) An insulated or covered conductor size 8 AWG or larger may, at the time of
6 installation, be permanently identified as an equipment grounding conductor
7 at each end and at every point where the conductor is accessible.

8 **Exception.** A conductor size 8 AWG or larger is not required to be marked
9 in conduit bodies that contain no splices or unused hubs.

10 (2) Identification shall encircle the conductor and shall be accomplished by one
11 of the following:

- 12 a. stripping the insulation or covering from the entire exposed length;
13 b. coloring the insulation or covering green at the termination; or
14 c. marking the insulation or covering with green tape or green adhesive
15 labels at the termination.

16 **300.3(C)(1) Conductors of different systems.** Feeders and branch circuits of solidly
17 grounded wye electric systems that operate at less than 150 volts to the ground may not
18 occupy the same wireway, raceway, junction box, pull box, outlet box, or enclosure with
19 feeders or branch circuits of solidly grounded wye electric systems that operate at more
20 than 150 volts to the ground.

21 **300.11(E) Suspended ceilings.** A cable, raceway, or box may not be supported or
22 attached to the framing members (grid) of a suspended ceiling system.

23 **310.106(A)(1) Minimum size of conductors.** No. 14 AWG copper is allowed for
24 residential use only. Aluminum or copper-clad aluminum may not be smaller than No. 8
25 AWG.

26 **Exception.** Unless allowed by another provision of the Electrical Code.

27 **310.110(C)(1) Conductor Identification.**

28 (A) Color coding of conductors shall be consistent throughout each system and
29 identified as follows:

30 (1) single phase 120/240 volt wiring system

- 31 (A) (B) (N)

1 RED-----BLACK-----WHITE

2 (2) three phase four wire 120/208 volt wiring system

3 (A) (B) (C) (N)

4 RED-----BLACK---BLUE---WHITE

5 (3) Three phase three, and four wire 120/240 volt delta wiring systems.

6 (A) (B) (C) (N)

7 RED-----ORANGE---BLACK---WHITE

8 (4) 277/480 wye or 480 volt delta wiring systems.

9 (A) (B) (C) (N)

10 BROWN-----YELLOW---PURPLE-----GRAY

11 The identification requirements for equipment grounding conductors are established in
12 Section 250.119(A) of the Electrical Code.

13 The identification requirements for grounded conductors are established in Subsections
14 200.6(A) and (B) of the Electrical Code.

15 **330.12(3) Uses not permitted.** Type MC cable may not be used as a service or feeder
16 entering a surface mounted electrical cabinet or panelboard for MC cable smaller than
17 No. 8 AWG.

18 **330.30 Securing and supporting.**

19 (A) **General.** Type MC cable shall be installed in a workmanlike manner and
20 consistent with the Electrical Code. When installed in a surface mounted panel, the
21 type MC cable shall be No. 8 AWG or larger.

22 (B) **Securing.** Type MC cable shall be supported and secured at intervals that do not
23 exceed 6 feet (1.83 m) when concealed, 3 feet (0.915 m) when exposed, and within
24 12 inches (305 mm) of a connection to every panelboard or terminal/box.

25 (C) **Supporting.** No more than three cables may be bundled for each support ring. If
26 more than three cables are required in an exposed location, the cable shall be
27 racked together and uniformly spaced in parallel runs supported by a steel channel.
28 The steel channel shall be designed and listed for the application. Cables shall be
29 fastened to the channel with metal cable clamps designed for the channel used.

30 **334.10 Uses permitted.** Type NM, Type NMC, and Type NMS cables may be used for
31 systems that operate at a maximum of 150 volts to ground in

- 1 (1) one- and two-family dwellings and their attached or detached garages, and
2 their accessory buildings; or
- 3 (2) except as prohibited in Section 334.12, multifamily dwellings and their
4 associated uses that are Types III, IV, and V construction; or
- 5 (3) dwelling units, sleeping units, guest rooms, and guest suites in Group R, as
6 that term is used in the Building Code, facilities of Types III, IV, and V
7 construction.

8 **Exception:** An existing structure that was legally constructed with non-
9 metallic sheathed cable, the non-metallic sheathed cable may remain as the
10 wiring method for the existing structure when

- 11 a. it is a remodel of a Type III, IV, or V construction;
- 12 b. it is two stories or less in height;
- 13 c. it is supplied by a 120/240 volt single-phase electrical service;
14 and
- 15 d. it is not used for areas or equipment regulated by Chapters 5, 6,
16 and 7 of the Electrical Code.

17 **680.13(1) Emergency switch for swimming pools.** A clearly labeled emergency shutoff
18 switch shall be installed to disconnect all ungrounded conductors for swimming pool
19 equipment and underwater lighting systems. The switch shall be installed in a place that
20 is readily accessible, within sight, and not less than five from the water's edge. The sign
21 for the shut-off switch shall be in red with letters capable of being read from a distance of
22 50 feet; shall be made of plastic, metal, or other durable material; and shall read
23 "Emergency Shut Off". The switch shall be red and of the mushroom type, push to de-
24 energize.

25 **Exception:** One- and two-family dwellings.

26 **680.23(A)(4) Voltage limitation.** An underwater luminaire or other underwater lighting
27 system that is permanently installed in a swimming pool, spa, hot tub, fountain, or similar
28 installation shall be listed as a lighting system of 16 volts or less.

29 **680.41 Emergency shut-off for spas and hot tubs.**

30 (A) A clearly labeled emergency shutoff switch shall be installed to disconnect all
31 ungrounded conductors for spa or hot tub equipment and underwater lighting
32 systems. The switch shall be installed in a place that is readily accessible, within
33 sight, and not less than five from the water's edge.

